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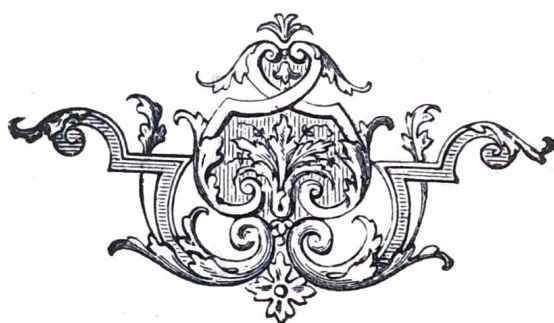
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APPOINTMENTS OF THE CHURCH.

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1. Preaching, Sunday Morning at 10.45 o'clock.
2. Sunday School in the Afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.
3. Sunday School Prayer Meeting at 4 o'clock.
4. Preaching, Sunday Evening, from October 1 to April 1 at 7 o'clock; from April 1 to October 1 at 7.30 o'clock.
5. Prayer Meeting at close of the evening service.
6. The Lord's Supper at close of Morning Service the First Sunday of each month.
7. Sunday School Concert at 6.30 o'clock the third Sunday Evening of each month from September to April, and at 7 o'clock in May and June.
8. Sunday School Lesson Exposition and Prayer Meeting Tuesday Evening, from October 1 to April 1 at 7.30 o'clock, from April 1 to July 1, and in September at 7.45 o'clock.
9. Prayer and Conference Meeting Thursday Evening, at same hours.
10. Covenant Meeting Friday Evening before the first Sunday in the month, at same hours.
11. Ladies' Prayer Meeting Friday Afternoon at 3 o'clock, at private houses.
12. Annual Church Meeting the Friday Evening before the last Sunday in September, and Quarterly Meetings the Friday Evening before the last Sunday in December, March and June.

ANNUAL COLLECTIONS OF THE CHURCH.

1. Church Assessment in October and November.
2. State Convention in December and January.
3. American Baptist Missionary Union in February and March.
4. Sunday School in April.
5. American Baptist Home Missionary Society in May and June.

THE PROVIDENCE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, with which this Church is connected, meets on the third Wednesday and Thursday in September. The number of delegates is at the discretion of the Church.

THE RHODE ISLAND BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION meets on the first Tuesday in October. Each Church is entitled to be represented by one delegate, and for every ten dollars annually contributed one additional delegate. The payment of ten dollars constitutes any person a member, and of twenty-five dollars, a life member. The objects of the Convention are to assist weak Baptist Churches and conduct missionary work in the State.

THE RHODE ISLAND BAPTIST EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY meets in connection with the State Convention. Its object is to assist young men in obtaining an education preparatory to entering the Christian Ministry.

THE RHODE ISLAND BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION meets on the first Wednesday in June. Any one interested in Sunday School work is welcomed.

COVENANT.

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HAVING been led, as we believe, by Divine Grace to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and to give ourselves to Him, in an everlasting covenant, and having been baptized, upon the profession of our faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now solemnly covenant with one another —

That, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, we will walk together in brotherly love; we will seek the advancement of the Church in every Christian grace, and give to it, as Christ's body, a place in our affections, prayers and services *above* every other organization; we will sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines, and contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us, toward its expenses, the support of the ministry, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world.

We also covenant: To maintain family and secret devotion; to study diligently the Word of God, and religiously educate our children and those who may be committed to our care; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just toward those in our employ, and faithful in the service we promise others.

We further covenant: To watch over, admonish, encourage and comfort one another; to guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation; and through life, amid evil report and good report, to seek to live to the glory of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

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I. OF THE SCRIPTURES.

WE believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; ¹ that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, ² and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter; ³ that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; ⁴ and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true centre of Christian union, ⁵ and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried. ⁶

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

¹ 2 Tim. iii, 16, 17. 2 Pet. i, 21. 1 Sam. xxiii, 2. Acts i, 16; iii, 21. John x, 35. Luke xvi, 29-31. Ps. cxix, 111. Rom. iii, 1, 2.

² 2 Tim. iii, 15. 1 Pet. i, 10, 12. Acts xi, 14. Rom. i, 16. Mark xvi, 16. John v, 38, 39.

³ Proverbs xxx, 5, 6. John xvii, 17. Rev. xxii, 18, 19. Rom iii, 4.

⁴ Rom. ii, 12. John xii, 47, 48. 1 Cor. iv, 3, 4. Luke x, 10-18; xii, 47, 48.

⁵ Phil. iii, 16. Ephes. iv, 3-6. Phil. ii, 1, 2. 1 Cor. i, 10. 1 Pet. iv, 11.

⁶ 1 John iv, 1. Isaiah viii, 20. 1 Thess. v, 21. 2 Cor. xiii, 5. Acts xvii, 11. 1 John iv, 6. Jude 3d v. Ephes. vi, 17. Ps. cxix, 59, 60. Phil. i, 9-11.

II. OF THE TRUE GOD.

We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; ¹ inexpressibly glorious in holiness, ² and worthy of all possible

honor, confidence, and love; ³ that in the unity of the God-head there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; ⁴ equal in every divine perfection, ⁵ and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. ⁶

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

¹ John iv, 24. Ps. cxlvii, 5. Ps. lxxxiii, 18. Heb. iii, 4. Rom. i, 20. Jer. x, 10.

² Ex xv, 11. Isa. v, 3. 1 Pet. i, 15, 16. Rev. iv, 6-8.

³ Mark xii, 30. Rev. iv, 11. Matt. x, 37. Jer. ii, 12, 13.

⁴ Matt. xxviii, 19. John xv, 26. 1 Cor. xii, 4-6. 1 John v, 7.

⁵ John x, 30. John v, 17; xiv, 23; xvii, 5, 10. Acts v, 3, 4. 1 Cor, ii, 10, 11. Phil. ii, 5, 6.

⁶ Ephes. ii, 18. 2 Cor. 13, 14. Rev. i, 4, 5. Comp. ii, vii.

III. OF THE FALL OF MAN.

We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker; ¹ but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; ² in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners; ³ not by constraint, but choice; ⁴ being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, ⁵ without defense or excuse. ⁶

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

¹ Gen. i, 27; i, 31. Eccles. vii, 29. Acts xvi, 26. Gen. ii, 16.

² Gen. iii, 6-24. Rom. v, 12.

³ Rom. v, 19. John iii, 6. Ps. li, v. Rom. v, 15-19; viii, 7.

⁴ Isa. liii, 6. Gen. vi, 12. Rom. iii, 9-18.

⁵ Eph. ii, 1-3. Rom. i, 18; i, 32; ii, 1-16. Gal. iii, 10. Matt. xx, 15.

⁶ Ez. xviii, 19, 20. Rom. i, 20; iii, 19. Gal. iii, 22.

IV. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; ¹ through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God; ² who, by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon

him our nature, yet without sin ;³ honored the divine law by his personal obedience,⁴ and by his death made a full atonement for our sins ;⁵ that having risen from the dead he is now enthroned in heaven ;⁶ and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Saviour.⁷

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

¹ Eph. ii, 5. Matt. xviii, 11. 1 John, iv, 10. 1 Cor. iii, 5-7. Acts xv, 11.

² John iii, 16; i, 1-14; Heb. iv, 14; xii, 24.

³ Phil. ii, 6, 7. Heb. ii, 9; ii, 14. 2 Cor. v, 21.

⁴ Isa. xlii, 21. Phil. ii, 8. Gal. iv, 4, 5. Rom. iii, 21.

⁵ Isa. liii, 4, 5. Matt. xx, 28. Rom. iv, 25; iii, 21-26. 1 John, iv, 10; ii, 2. 1 Cor. xv, 1-3. Heb. ix, 13-15.

⁶ Heb. i, 8; i, 3; viii, 1. Col. iii, 1-4.

⁷ Heb. vii, 25. Col. ii, 9. Heb. ii, 18; vii, 26. Ps. lxxxix, 19. Ps. xiv.

V. OF JUSTIFICATION.

We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ¹ secures to such as believe in him is Justification ;² that Justification includes the pardon of sin,³ and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness ;⁴ that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood ;⁵ by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God ;⁶ that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.⁷

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

¹ John i, 16. Eph. iii, 8.

² Acts xiii, 39. Isa. iii, 11, 12. Rom. viii, 1.

³ Rom. v, 9. Zech. xiii, 1. Matt. ix, 6. Acts x, 43.

⁴ Rom. v, 17. Titus iii, 5, 6. 1 Pet. iii, 7. 1 John ii, 25. Rom. v, 21.

⁵ Rom. iv, 4, 5; v, 21; vi, 23. Phil. iii, 7, 9.

⁶ Rom. v, 19; iii, 24-26; iv, 23-25. 1 John ii, 12.

⁷ Rom. v, 1, 2; v, 3; v, 11. 1 Cor. i, 30, 31. Matt. vi, 33. 1 Tim. iv, 8.

VI. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel;¹ that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, penitent, and obedient faith;² and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel;³ which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.⁴

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

¹ Isa. lv, 1. Rev. xxii, 17. Luke xiv, 17.

² Rom. xvi, 26. Mark i, 15. Rom. i, 15-17.

³ John v, 40. Matt. xxiii, 37. Rom. ix, 32. Prov. i, 24. Acts xiii, 46.

⁴ John iii, 19. Matt. xi, 20. Luke xix, 27. 2 Thess. i, 8.

VII. OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

We believe that, in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again;¹ that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind;² that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with divine truth,³ so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel;⁴ and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, and faith, and newness of life.⁵

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

¹ John iii, 3; iii, 6, 7. 1 Cor. i, 14. Rev. viii, 7-9; xxi, 27.

² 2 Cor. v, 17. Ez. xxxvi, 26. Deut. xxx, 6. Rom. ii, 28, 29; v, 5.

¹ John iv, 7.

³ John iii, 8; i, 13. James i, 16-18. 1 Cor. i, 30. Phil. ii, 13.

⁴ 1 Pet. i, 22-25. 1 John v, 1. Eph. iv, 20-24. Col. iii, 9-11.

⁵ Eph. v, 9. Rom. viii, 9. Gal. v, 16-23. Eph. iii, 14-21. Matt. iii, 8-10; vii, 20. 1 John v, 4, 18.

VIII. OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH.

We believe that Repentance and Faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the re-

generating Spirit of God;¹ whereby, being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger, and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ,² we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication for mercy,³ at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest, and King, and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Saviour.⁴

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

¹ Mark i, 15. Acts xii, 18. Eph. ii, 8. 1 John v, 1.

² John xvi, 8. Acts ii, 37, 38; xvi, 30, 31.

³ Luke xviii, 13; xv, 18-21. James iv, 7-10. 2 Cor. vii, 11. Rom. x, 12, 13. Ps. li.

⁴ Rom. x, 9-11. Acts iii, 22, 23. Heb. iv, 14. Ps. ii, 6. Heb. i, 8; viii, 25. 2 Tim. i, 12.

IX. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

We believe that Election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners;¹ that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end;² that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy, and unchangeable;³ that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy;⁴ that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree;⁵ that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the gospel;⁶ that it is the foundation of Christian assurance;⁷ and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.⁸

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

¹ 2 Tim. i, 8, 9. Eph. i, 3-14. 1 Pet. i, 1, 2. Rom. xi, 5, 6. John xv, 15. 1 John iv, 19. Hos. xii, 9.

² 2 Thess. ii, 13, 14. Acts xiii, 48. John x, 16. Matt. xx, 16. Acts xv, 14.

³ Ex. xxxiii, 18, 19. Matt. xx, 15. Eph. i, 11. Rom. ix, 23, 24. Jer. xxxi, 3. Rom. xi, 28, 29. Jam. i, 17, 18. 2 Tim. i, 9. Rom. xi, 32-36.

⁴ 1 Cor. iv, 7; i, 26-31. Rom. iii, 27; iv, 16. Col. iii, 12. 1 Cor. xii, 5-7; xv, 10. 1 Pet. v, 10. Acts i, 24. 1 Thess. ii, 13. 1 Pet. ii, 9. Luke xviii, 7. John xv, 16. Eph. i, 16. 1 Thess. ii, 12.

⁵ 2 Tim. ii, 10. 1 Cor. ix, 22. Rom. viii, 28-30. John vi, 37-40. 2 Pet. i, 10.

⁶ 1 Thess. i, 4-10.

⁷ Rom. viii, 28-30. Isa. xlii, 16. Rom. xi, 29.

⁸ 2 Pet. i, 10, 11. Phil. iii, 12. Heb. vi, 11.

X. OF SANCTIFICATION.

We believe that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of His holiness;¹ that it is a progressive work;² that it is begun in regeneration;³ and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means—especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.⁴

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

¹ 1 Thess. iv, 3; v, 23. 2 Cor. vii, 1; xiii, 9. Eph. i, 4.

² Prov. iv, 18. 2 Cor. iii, 18. Heb. vi, 1. 2 Pet. i, 5-8. Phil. iii, 12-16.

³ John ii, 29. Rom. viii, 5. John iii, 6. Phil. i, 9-11. Eph. i, 13-14.

⁴ Phil. ii, 12, 13. Eph. iv, 11, 12. 1 Pet. ii, 2. 2 Pet. iii, 18. 2 Cor. xiii, 5. Luke xi, 35; ix, 23. Matt. xxvi, 41. Eph. vi, 18; iv, 30.

XI. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end;¹ that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors;² that a special Providence watches over their welfare;³ and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.⁴

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

¹ John viii, 31. 1 John ii, 27, 28; iii, 9; v, 18.

² 1 John ii, 19; xiii, 18. Matt. xiii, 20, 21. John vi, 66-69. Job xvii, 9.

³ Rom. viii, 28. Matt. vi, 30, 33. Jer. xxxii, 40. Ps. cxxi, 3; xci 11, 12.

⁴ Phil. i, 6; ii, 12, 13. Jude 24, 25. Heb. i, 14. 2 Kings vi, 16. Heb. xiii, 5. 1 John iv, 4.

XII. OF THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL.

We believe that the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government;¹ that it is holy, just, and good;² and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin;³ to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy Law is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.⁴

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

- ¹ Rom. iii, 31. Matt. v, 17. Luke xvi, 17. Rom. iii, 20; iv, 15.
² Rom. vii, 12; vii, 7, 14, 22. Gal. iii, 21. Ps. cxix.
³ Rom. viii, 7, 8. Josh. xxiv, 19. Jer. xiii, 23. John vi, 44; v, 44.
⁴ Rom. viii, 2, 4; x, 4. 1 Tim. i, 5. Heb. viii, 10. Jude 20, 21. Heb. xii, 14. Matt. xvi, 17, 18. 1 Cor. xiii, 28.

XIII. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers,¹ associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel;² observing the ordinances of Christ;³ governed by His laws;⁴ and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His word;⁵ that its only Scriptural officers are Bishops, or Pastors, and Deacons,⁶ whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

- ¹ 1 Cor. i, 1-13. Matt. xviii, 17. Acts v, 11; viii, 1; xi, 31. 1 Cor. iv, 17; xiv, 23. 3 John 9. 1 Tim. iii, 5.
² Acts ii, 41, 42. 2 Cor. viii, 5. Acts ii, 47. 1 Cor. v, 12, 13.
³ 1 Cor. xi, 2. 2 Thess. iii, 6. Rom. xvi, 17-20. 1 Cor. xi, 23. Matt. xviii, 15-20. 1 Cor. v, 6. 2 Cor. ii, 7. 1 Cor. iv, 17.
⁴ Matt. xxviii, 20. John xiv, 15; xv, 12. 1 John iv, 21. John xiv, 21. 1 Thess. iv, 2. 2 John 6. Gal. vi, 2. All the Epistles.
⁵ Eph. iv, 7. 1 Cor. xiv, 12. Phil. 1, 27. 1 Cor. xii, 14.
⁶ Phil. i, 1. Acts xiv, 23; xv, 22. 1 Tim. iii. Titus i.

XIV. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer,¹ into the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost;² to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, on faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life;³ that it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper,⁴ in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ;⁵ preceded always by solemn self-examination.⁶

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

¹ Acts viii, 36-39. Matt. iii, 5-6. John iii, 22, 23; iv, 1, 2. Matt. xxviii, 19. Mark xvi, 16. Acts ii, 38; viii, 12; xvi, 32-34; xviii, 8.

² Matt. xxviii, 19. Acts x, 47, 48. Gal. iii, 27, 28.

³ Rom. vi, 4. Col. ii, 12. 1 Pet. iii, 20, 21. Acts xxii, 16.

⁴ Acts ii, 41, 42. Matt. xxviii, 19, 20. Acts, and Epistles.

⁵ 1 Cor. xi, 26. Matt. xxvi, 26-29. Mark xiv, 22-25. Luke xxii, 14-20.

⁶ 1 Cor. xi, 28; v, 1, 8; x, 3-32; xi, 17-32. John vi, 26-71.

XV.—OF THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

We believe that the last great command of the Redeemer is still binding upon every believer;¹ that the great work of the Church on earth is to evangelize the nations, and preach the Gospel to every creature;² that the Head of the Church has provided ample resources for the accomplishment of this work;³ and that the Bible abounds with promises of ultimate success.⁴

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

¹ Luke xix, 13; Mark xvi, 15; Acts i, 8.

² Matt. xxviii, 19, 20; Luke xxiv, 46-48.

³ Matt. xxviii, 18; Eph. i, 22, 23; Col. i, 15-19.

⁴ Acts ii, 39; Num. xiv, 21; Isa. lx, 3-16; Zech. xiv, 9; Luke iii, 6.

XVI. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath;¹ and is to be kept sacred to

religious purposes;² by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations;³ by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private⁴ and public;⁵ and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.⁶

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

¹ Acts xx, 7. Gen. ii, 3. Col. ii, 16, 17. Mark ii, 27. John xx, 19.
1 Cor. xvi, 1, 2.

² Ex. xx, 8. Rev. i, 10. Ps. cxviii, 24.

³ Isa lviii, 13, 14; lvi. 2-8.

⁴ Ps. cxiii, 15.

⁵ Heb. x, 24, 25. Acts xi, 26, xiii, 44. Lev. xix, 30. Ex. xlvi, 3. Luke iv, 16. Acts xvii, 2, 3. Ps. xxvi, 8; lxxxvii, 3.

⁶ Heb. iv, 3-11.

XVII. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society;¹ and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed;² except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ,³ who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.⁴

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

¹ Rom. xiii, 1-7. Deut. xvi, 18. 1 Sam. xxiii, 3. Ex. xviii, 23. Jer. xxx, 21.

² Matt. xxii, 21. Titus iii, 1. 1 Pet. ii, 13. 1 Tim. ii, 1-8.

³ Acts v, 29. Matt. x, 28. Dan. iii, 15-18; vi, 7-10. Acts iv, 18-20.

⁴ Matt. xxiii, 10. Rom. xiv, 4. Rev. xix, 16. Ps. lxxii, 11. Ps. ii. Rom. xiv, 9-13.

XVIII. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked;¹ that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem;² while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and are under the

curse;³ and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.⁴

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

¹ Mal. iii, 18. Prov. xii, 26. Isa. v, 20. Gen. xviii, 23. Jer. xv, 19. Acts x, 34, 35. Rom. vi, 16.
² Rom. i, 17; vii, 6. 1 John ii, 29; iii, 7. Rom. vi, 18, 22. 1 Cor. xi, 32. Prov. xi, 31. 1 Pet. iv, 17, 18.
³ 1 John v, 19. Gal. iii, 10. John iii, 36. Isa. lvii, 21. Ps. x, 4. Isa. lv, 6, 7.
⁴ Prov. xiv, 32. Luke xvi, 25. John viii, 21, 24. Prov. x, 24. Luke xii, 4, 5; ix, 23-26. John xii, 25, 26. Eccl. iii, 17. Matt. vii, 13, 14.

XIX. OF THE WORLD TO COME.

We believe that the end of the world is approaching;¹ that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven,² and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution;³ that a solemn separation will then take place;⁴ that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy;⁵ and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.⁶

PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE TAUGHT.

¹ 1 Pet. iv, 7. 1 Cor. vii, 29, 31. Heb. i, 10-12. Matt. xxiv, 35. 1 John ii, 17. Matt. xxviii, 20; xiii, 39, 40. 2 Pet. iii, 3-13.
² Acts i, ii. Rev. i, 7. Heb. ix, 28. Acts iii, 21. 1 Thess. iv, 13-18; v, 1-11.
³ Acts xxiv, 15. 1 Cor. xv, 12-59. Luke xiv, 14. Dan. xii, 2. John v, 28, 29; vi, 40; xi, 25, 26. 2 Tim. i, 10. Acts x, 42.
⁴ Matt. xiii, 49; xiii, 37-43; xxiv, 30, 31; xxv, 31-33.
⁵ Matt. xxv, 35-41. Rev. xxii, 11. 1 Cor. vi, 9, 10. Mark ix, 43-48. 2 Pet. ii, 9. Jude 7. Phil. iii, 19. Rom. vi, 32. 2 Cor. v, 10, 11. John iv, 36. 2 Cor. iv, 18.
⁶ Rom. iii, 5, 6. 2 Thess. i, 6-12. Heb. vi, 1, 2. 1 Cor. iv, 5. Acts xvii, 31. Rom. ii, 2-16. Rev. xx, 11, 12. 1 John ii, 28; iv, 17.

SEEING THEN THAT ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE DISSOLVED, WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS OUGHT YE TO BE IN ALL HOLY CONVERSATION AND GODLINESS, LOOKING FOR AND HASTENING UNTO THE COMING OF THE DAY OF GOD? 2 Peter iii, 11, 12.

RULES OF ORDER.

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I. BUSINESS AND COVENANT MEETINGS.

1. The annual meeting of the Church shall be held on the Friday evening preceding the last Sunday in September, when the following shall be the order of business :—

- (1.) Devotional exercises.
- (2.) Reading the minutes of the last meeting.
- (3.) Unfinished business.
- (4.) Reports of committees.
- (5.) Reports of the Treasurer and Auditor, on the general account; account of benevolent offerings; account of communion collections; and Sunday School account.
- (6.) Report of the Trustees.
- (7.) Assessment for expenses of the ensuing year.
- (8.) Election of the following officers and committees, by ballot: Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, four members for the Standing Committee, Trustees, Collectors of the annual assessment and for the various benevolent objects, Superintendent of the Sunday School, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent of the Primary Department of the School, two sisters as members of the Sunday School Committee, and the Sunday School Treasurer.
- (9.) New business.
- (10.) Closing devotional exercises.

2. Quarterly business meetings shall be held on the Friday evening preceding the last Sunday in December, March and June.

3. Special business meetings may be held at the call of the Pastor, or at the request of any three members read at a public service.

4. The ordinary rules of deliberative assemblies shall be observed in the transaction of business.

5. A Church covenant meeting shall be held during the week preceding the first Sunday in each month, when it is expected that each member will be present, if possible, and relate his or her religious experiences and feelings.

II. ADMISSION AND DISMISSION OF MEMBERS.

1. Persons who desire to unite with the Church by baptism, or upon their experience if previously baptized, shall be examined by the Standing Committee, in reference to the evidences of their conversion, their views of Christian doctrine and their Christian walk and conversation, and, if approved by them, shall relate their experience before the Church.

2. On the admission of members, by baptism or experience, both brethren and sisters shall vote by rising.

3. Letters of dismission and recommendation from other churches shall be laid before the Standing Committee, and if they are satisfied as to the Christian character and doctrinal views of the candidate, they shall present the same to the Church.

4. Any member in good standing shall be entitled to a letter of dismission and recommendation to any church with which we are in fellowship, provided he can be within its care and oversight. And it shall be considered the duty of members removing where they cannot convene with this

Church, to connect themselves with a Baptist Church in their vicinity; or, should this be inexpedient, that they communicate with, and contribute to this Church, at least once a year.

5. Letters of dismissal and recommendation should be requested through the Standing Committee, and shall be valid only for six months, and if not used within that period, the persons receiving them shall be considered as still members of this Church.*

6. No member can *withdraw* from the Church; he can only be dismissed by action of the Church. Nor can one have his name *dropped*, nor be *excluded* at his own request.

7. When the Church, in the exercise of its lawful discipline, withdraws the hand of fellowship from any one, he is *excluded* and is thenceforth no longer a member.

8. When a member unites with a Church with which this Church is not in fellowship, it is the duty of the Church, by its vote, to direct the Clerk to *erase* his name from the list of members.

9. The *dropping* of members is merely removing from the list the names of those of whom the Church has lost all knowledge. They are not dismissed nor reported as members; but whenever discovered their names are restored to the record. No one can be *dropped* as an act of discipline, nor when his residence is known.

III. DISCIPLINE.

1. If a grievance exist between members, either of the aggrieved parties may bring the matter to the notice of the

* A certificate of membership and Christian character may be given, to any member in good standing, by the Pastor, if he think best, upon application to him, or by the Clerk by direction of the Church. Such certificate is not a letter of dismissal, nor does it, in any manner, change the relation between the member receiving it and the Church, but is merely a letter of introduction to be used when a member is removed from the watch-care of this Church.

Standing Committee, only after an unsuccessful employment of the means of reconciliation presented in the gospel of Matthew, chapter 18, verses 15, 16.

2. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee when a case for discipline is brought to their notice, either by personal complaint or general report, to enter at once upon an investigation of the case, to remove, if possible, the cause of complaint, without bringing the matter before the Church.

3. If it shall be necessary to bring the case before the Church, the committee shall notify the party or parties, and request them to be present at the time when the report of their case will be made, and shall state such facts to the Church as shall be needful for its action.

4. The sale of intoxicating liquors, the use of them as a beverage, permitting such use in our families or furnishing them to persons in our employ for the same purpose shall be considered sufficient cause for church discipline.

5. Continued neglect of, or absence from the ordinances and meetings of the Church, without communicating with the Church, as provided in Article II., Section 4, shall be considered sufficient cause for church discipline.

6. As the obligation of members to contribute toward the necessary expenses of the Church is binding upon all, to whom the Lord has given any ability so to do; therefore any flagrant case of the neglect of this duty shall be examined into by the Standing Committee and treated as a case for church discipline.

IV. DEACONS.

The Church shall choose by ballot, from time to time, suitable persons to fill the office of deacon, who, when so chosen, shall be subject to removal only for incompetency, immorality or fundamental error in doctrine.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE.

1. The Standing Committee shall consist of the pastor, deacons, clerk and four other brethren.

2. The Committee shall meet at the call of the pastor, or of any three members of the committee, either by notification from the pulpit the Sunday preceding the meeting or by notice sent to every member of the committee.

3. The regular time for the meeting of the committee shall be during the week following the second Sunday in the month.

4. The committee shall appoint a Clerk who shall keep an accurate record of their proceedings, which shall be open for inspection by any member of the Church.

5. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee : —

(1.) To examine candidates for admission and consider letters of dismission and recommendation from or to other churches, as provided in Article II.

(2.) To attend to all cases of discipline that may be brought to their notice, either by general report or by personal complaint, as provided in Article III.

(3.) To revise the list of members annually, as soon as convenient after the annual meeting, to communicate with every member who is not known to have attended some meeting of the Church during the preceding year and has not communicated with it, and to examine into such cases as may demand investigation, taking or recommending to the Church such action as they may deem expedient.

(4.) And, in general, to watch over the purity of the Church, and devise and recommend such measures as shall, in their judgment, tend to its prosperity.

VI. CLERK, TREASURER, AND AUDITOR.

1. The Clerk shall, in addition to the duties usually pertaining to the office, furnish the writer of the annual letter to the Association with the statistics of the Church, and enter the same upon the records. He shall also enter, unless otherwise ordered, the substance of all reports made, so as to present a fair view of the proceedings of the Church.

2. The Treasurer shall keep separate accounts of the funds received from the annual assessment, from collections for benevolent objects, from communion collections, for the Sunday School expenses, and from the school for missionary objects.

3. From funds received from the annual assessment the Treasurer shall pay all bills ordered by the Church or the Standing Committee.

4. He shall forward to their proper destination all funds from collections for benevolent objects.

5. He shall pay from the communion collections, to the order of either of the deacons, for the relief of the poor in the Church.

6. The Treasurer of the Sunday School shall be, for that department, the assistant of the Church Treasurer, and shall pay, from the funds for the expenses of the school, all bills ordered by the Sunday School Committee, and render to the Church Treasurer the school missionary collections, for transmission as directed by the Sunday School Committee.

7. The collectors of the annual assessment, and for the various benevolent objects, shall report to the Treasurer, and render to him for transmission the amount of all collections taken in the Church and congregation.

8. The annual report of the Treasurer, for each account, shall be examined, compared with the vouchers, and certified to by the Auditor before presentation to the Church.

9. No collection shall be taken at the public services on the Lord's day, without the approbation of the Church or of the Standing Committee.

VII. TRUSTEES.

1. The Board of Trustees, under the Church charter, shall consist of five members, the first two to be elected for a term ending at the annual meeting in 1879, the second two for a term ending at the annual meeting in 1880, and that of the fifth at the annual meeting in 1881. At each annual meeting one or more Trustees, according to the number of those whose terms then expire, shall be elected for a term of three years. In case of a vacancy occurring in the Board, a Trustee shall be elected for the unexpired portion of the term.

2. The Trustees shall hold and control, according to their discretion, all property that may belong to the Church, subject to any instructions, as to the use or disposition of the same, which the Church may impose upon them.

3. They shall present a detailed written report, at the annual meeting, of their proceedings during the year, and the condition of whatever property or funds may be in their care.

VIII. SUNDAY SCHOOL.

1. The Sunday School shall be considered as a department of the Church work, and not as a separate organization. As such it will be always subject to any action of the Church, and it is expected that every member of the Church will render it his or her support, by contributions, influence, and prayer, and, if possible, by personal attendance and exertion, either as officer, teacher, or Bible student.

2. All matters pertaining to the Sunday School shall be under the direction of the Sunday School Committee, which

shall consist of the Pastor, the Superintendent and his assistant, the Superintendent of the primary department, and two other sisters, the Superintendent to be chairman of the committee.

3. The Secretary of the school, Librarian and assistants, and such other officers as may be needed, shall be appointed by the Superintendent, with the advice and consent of the Sunday School Committee.

4. The teachers in the principal department and of Bible classes shall be appointed by the Superintendent, and in the primary department by the Superintendent of that department, but shall, in all cases, be subject to removal by the Sunday School Committee, in their discretion.

5. There shall be a public annual meeting in October, a which a report of the school shall be made by the Superintendent, with such other exercises as he may think proper.

IX. THE LORD'S SUPPER.

The following shall be the invitation to the Lord's Supper :

“ All members of Evangelical churches, in good standing in the same, who have been buried with Christ in baptism, are invited to partake with us.”

X. AMENDMENTS.

Amendments may be made to these Rules of Order at any regularly appointed business meeting, if voted for by two thirds of the members present.

CHARTER.

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, ETC.,
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
JANUARY SESSION A. D., 1879. }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TRUSTEES OF THE FOURTH BAPTIST CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Alexander Burgess, John P. Barney, Stephen R. Weeden, William J. Waterman, and Donald G. McLeod, and their associates and successors in office, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Trustees of the Fourth Baptist Church in Providence, for the purpose of maintaining public worship and of supporting and promulgating the Christian religion, according to the rites and usages of the churches constituting the Providence Baptist Association, with all the duties and liabilities set forth in Chapter 139 of the General Statutes, and in any acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto.

SEC. 2. Said corporation may take, hold, transmit and convey real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. The Trustees incorporated by this act shall be elected in such manner, and for such terms, as shall be pro-

vided for by said Church, by its by-laws or rules of order, and shall be subject to any regulations or instructions, not inconsistent with the laws of the State, that the said Church may at any time impose upon them.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS.

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C, constituent member; B, received by baptism; E, by experience;
L, by letter.

1878.	Apr. 28	B	Julietta I. Adams.....	22 Division st., Pawtucket
1825.	July 3	B	Mrs. Cynthia Alexander ...	3 Knowles st.
1860.	May 29	L	Mrs. Freeloze Angell	North Grove st.
1860.	Feb. 28	L	Jeremiah B. Angell, }	Windmill st.
1839.	Aug. 31	B	Mrs. Miriam Angell, }	" "
1874.	May 31	B	Elsie M. Angell.....	" "
1847.	Mar. 17	L	Lydia Angell.....	11 Halsey st.
1878.	Mar. 31	B	Arthur J. Angilly, }	Woodbine st.
1878.	Mar. 31	B	Mrs. Mary J. Angilly, }	" "
1858.	Aug. 29	B	Mrs. Harriet E. Armington, (wife of Edward H.)...	138 Wickenden st.
1878.	Feb. 24	B	Galusha W. Arnold, } ...	198 Charles st.
1857.	Apr. 5	B	Mrs. Emily F. Arnold, } ...	" "
1855.	Sept. 2	B	Jesse S. Arnold, } ...	8 Mulberry st.
1855.	Sept. 2	B	Mrs. Mary E. Arnold, } ...	" "
1877.	Nov. 18	B	William R. Arnold, } ..	133 Doyle ave.
1875.	Dec. 2	L	Mrs. Sarah W. Arnold, } ..	" "
1852.	Apr. 4	B	Mrs. Ellen M. Ashley, (wife of Charles).....	Willimantic, Conn. opp. 12 Congdon st.
1878.	Jan. 27	B	Ida D. Atwater.....	758 North Main st.
1849.	Nov. 19	E	William D. Avery, }	" "
1849.	Nov. 19	B	Mrs. Eliza Avery, }	" "
1855.	Sept. 2	B	Ann E. Avery.....	" "
1858.	Apr. 4	B	William B. Avery, }	" "
1858.	June 6	B	Mrs. Ann B. Avery, }	" "
1875.	Sept. 30	E	George H. Bailey, }	10 Knowles st.
1877.	Oct. 26	E	Mrs. Sarah E. Bailey, }	" "
1878.	Mar. 31	B	Samuel D. Baker.....	2 Metcalf st.
1878.	Jan. 27	B	Mrs. Cornelia Ballou, (wife of George W.).....	North st.
1853.	Sept. 16	L	Mrs. Hannah B. Barker....	49 Harrison st.
1855.	Jan. 30	L	John P. Barney.....	20 Larch st.
1841.	Nov. 10	B	Mrs. Harriet Batcheller....	808 North Main st.
1879.	May 25	B	John Baxter.....	35 Bacon st.
1870.	Aug. 7	L	Mrs. Emma C. Beckwith, (wife of Stevens.....)	Harmony.

1849.	June 1	L	Elijah Bent,		84 Olney st.
1850.	Nov. 19	L	Mrs. Mary C. Bent,		" "
1874.	May 31	B	Maria L. Bent.....		" "
1879.	Apr. 27	B	George W. Bevens.....		Cemetery st.
1879.	Mar. 2	L	Edgar H. Bickford.....		22 Walling st.
1877.	Nov. 18	B	Mrs. Jennie Bicknell, (wife of Jesse B.).....		24 Jenkins st.
1865.	Aug. 6	B	Mrs. Amelia R. Bidmead ..		24 Howell st.
1874.	May 31	B	Miriam M. Bidmead.....		45 Bacon st.
1877.	May 27	B	Amelia E. Bidmead.....		51 Bacon st.
1866.	Feb. 27	E	Mrs. Fidelia Blake.....		900 High st.
1874.	May 31	B	Mrs. Mary E. Blanchard, (wife of William H.)...		1 Ivy st.
1878.	Feb. 3	B	Walter Blatchford.....		337 North Main st.
1878.	Sept. 1	B	Mrs. Georgie C. Bliss, (wife of Henry C.)		10 Howland st.
1871.	May 28	B	Julius Boyden,		21 Jenkins st.
1874.	May 31	B	Mrs. Ella F. Boyden,		" "
1858.	July 5	B	Edwin C. Braman,		Morris ave., near North st.
1865.	July 1	B	Mrs. Sarah E. Braman,		" " "
1878.	May 2	L	Mrs. Almira Braman, (wife of George W.).....		18 Pleasant st.
1878.	Jan. 27	B	Ida Braman		" "
1878.	May 2	L	Mrs. Hannah Braman, (wife of William O.)		47 Jenkins st.
1841.	Nov. 10	B	Mrs. Abby K. Brayton.....		710 North Main st.
1842.	Mar. 5	B	George W. Briggs,		36 Doyle ave.
1842.	Mar. 5	E	Mrs. Lydia G. Briggs,		" "
1877.	Dec. 14	L	George Broome.....		10 Wilcox st.
1872.	Jan. 4	L	Benjamin Brown,		38 Doyle ave.
1872.	Jan. 4	L	Mrs. Sarah A. Brown,		" "
1871.	May 28	B	Sarah E. Brown.....		" "
1847.	June 23	B	Mrs. Sarah A. Brown.....		8 Wilson st.
1870.	Nov. 1	L	Mrs. Sylvina S. Brown.....		Brooklyn, N. Y.
1878.	Mar. 31	B	Mrs. Ada S. Brownell, (wife of Elihu G.).....		88 Lippitt st.
1835.	Aug. 2	B	Alexander Burgess,		682 North Main st.
1838.	Dec. 1	L	Mrs. Caroline S. Burgess,		" "
1874.	May 31	B	Mrs. Caroline A. Burgess, (wife of William).....		" "
1877.	Nov. 18	B	Annie L. Burgess.....		" "
1858.	Apr. 4	B	Edwin A. Burgess.....		165 Prospect st.
1841.	Dec. 5	B	Philinda Burgess.....		507 North Main st.
1842.	Mar. 5	B	Sylvanus Burgess.....		473 North Main st.
1858.	June 6	B	Ebenezer Burlingame,		
1842.	Mar. 5	B	Mrs. Anna M. Burlin- game,		148 Prospect st.
1879.	Apr. 27	B	Mrs. Sarah Burt, (wife of Warren F.).....		Fruit Hill, N. Prov.
1879.	Feb. 2	B	Emily P. Burt.....		" "
1878.	Mar. 1	L	Mrs. Duraxa C. Cady.....		29 Bacon st.
1858.	Apr. 4	B	Mrs. Angeline T. Campbell, (wife of George F.).....		702 North Main st.
1871.	May 28	B	Ida M. Campbell.....		" "
1877.	Nov. 18	B	Mrs. Ellen F. Campbell, (wife of Walter A.).....		26 Earle's lane.

1843.	Feb. 15	L	Mrs. Ann E. Carpenter....	710 North Main.
1878.	Aug. 29	E	Martin F. Carroll.....	Rear of 881 N. Main st.
1860.	July 1	B	Mrs. Hannah A. Clarke, (wife of Arthur T.)....	East Providence.
1878.	Dec. 26	L	Mrs. Jane Cobb, (wife of Daniel H.).....	41 Dean st.
1878.	June 30	B	Elizabeth A. Cook.....	48 Doyle ave.
1877.	Dec. 28	L	John N. Cook, } ...	Rear 113 Doyle ave.
1877.	Dec. 28	L	Mrs. Lavinia J. Cook, } ...	" "
1877.	Dec. 16	B	Edward R. Covell.....	70 Stampers st.
1830.	June 6	B	Mary A. Covell.....	70 Stampers st.
1836.	Aug. 7	B	Sarah W. Covell.....	" "
1858.	Apr. 4	B	Mrs. Joanna S. Covell.....	5 Gilbert st.
1834.	Apr. 30	L	Sarah Cowing.....	Geneva, N. Providence.
1879.	Apr. 27	B	Mrs. Sarah R. Crosby, (wife of Frank B.)	62 Bacon st.
1879.	Apr. 27	B	James L. Crowell, } ...	1 Walling st.
1879.	Apr. 27	B	Mrs. Mary L. Crowell, } ...	" "
1878.	May 2	L	Mrs. Emily Davis, (wife of Judson).....	Rear 139 Doyle ave.
1877.	Dec. 16	B	Emmazett M. Davis	780 North Main st.
1877.	Sept. 28	L	John D. Davis, }	16 Howell st.
1877.	Sept. 28	L	Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, }	" "
1841.	June 6	B	Mrs. Jane H. Day.....	Milford, Mass.
1865.	Aug. 6	B	Mrs. Mary E. Duxbury, (wife of James).....	1 Palmer st.
1879.	Apr. 27	B	John Eastwood, } ...	Charles st., ne'r Branch av
1879.	Jan. 31	L	Mrs. Margaret Eastwood, } ...	" "
1877.	Oct. 28	B	Mrs. Emily G. Ellis.....	10 Camp st.
1877.	May 27	B	Emily F. Ellis	" "
1871.	Dec. 1	L	Shepard S. Everett, } ...	29 Bacon st.
1871.	Feb. 2	L	Mrs. Almira M. Everett, } ...	" "
1877.	Nov. 2	L	Rev. Wm. W. Everts, Jr., } ...	54 Camp st.
1878.	July 5	L	Mrs. Elizabeth P. Everts, } ...	" "
1877.	Dec. 30	B	James M. Farley.....	24 Pleasant st.
1857.	May 3	E	Mrs. Celia L. Fisher, (wife of Samuel)	1 West River st.
1875.	Apr. 29	L	Mrs. Almira E. Folsom, (wife of Hiram C.)....	70 Bacon st.
1878.	Dec. 29	B	Nellie M. Folsom	" "
1878.	Dec. 29	B	Abbie J. Folsom.....	" "
1877.	June 24	B	Julia Folsom	" "
1878.	Dec. 29	B	A. Elizabeth Folsom.....	" "
1878.	Aug. 1	L	Thomas Forsythe, }	73 Lippitt st.
1878.	Aug. 1	L	Mrs. Anna Forsythe, }	" "
1872.	Oct. 6	B	Mrs. Harriet A. Foskey, (wife of Joseph).....	Old Warwick.
1878.	Apr. 28	B	Edward H. Fry, } ...	Chatham st., near Ashton
1878.	Mar. 31	B	Mrs. Marianna A. Fry, } ...	" "
1879.	Feb. 2	B	Sarah F. Gay.....	56 Grand View st.
1865.	Oct. 17	L	Mrs. Elizabeth Gembel	52 Randall st.
1871.	May 28	B	Thomas Giddings.....	17 Nash lane.

1854.	May 30	L	Abraham H. Granger, D. D.	Harrisville, Burrillville.
1854.	May 30	L	Mrs. Francis M. Granger,	
1842.	May 1	B	Mrs. Elizabeth Griswold, (wife of William A.)...	
				Newport, N. Y.
1879.	Mar. 30	B	Mrs. Susan A. Haigh, (wife of Absolom)	Charles st., cor. Branch av.
1878.	Jan. 27	B	Mrs. Alice M. Hall.....	1 Palmer st.
1878.	May 2	L	Mrs. Hannah Halsey, (wife of Charles).....	7 Bolander st.
1846.	Nov. 18	L	Charles H. Handy, }	194 Charles st.
1866.	May 11	L	Mrs. Ruth A. Handy, }	" " "
1873.	June 1	B	Mrs. Ida E. Handy, (wife of H. Herbert)	248 Charles st.
1878.	Feb. 1	L	Mrs. Hannah Harlow.....	2 Howell st.
1867.	Aug. 2	L	Isaac W. Harlow, }	" "
1867.	Aug. 2	L	Mrs. Mary C. Harlow, }	" "
1878.	Jan. 27	B	Mary A. Harlow.....	" "
1878.	Jan. 27	B	Ida L. Harlow.....	" "
1878.	Jan. 27	B	Calvin M. Harlow, }	Ivy st., near Larch st.
1878.	Jan. 27	B	Mrs. Patti C. Harlow, }	" "
1878.	Jan. 27	B	John H. Harlow.....	" "
1877.	Dec. 16	B	Laura M. Harlow.....	" "
1856.	July 6	B	Mrs. Susan C. Harris.....	Yarmouthport, Mass.
1874.	May 31	B	Frank W. Haselwood.....	20 Wheaton st.
1878.	Apr. 28	B	Russel Hawkes, }	39 Jefferson st.
1863.	June 2	L	Mrs. Hannah M. Hawkes, }	" "
1841.	July 4	B	Mrs. Harriet W. Hawkins..	Harmony.
1879.	May 25	B	Ella E. Hayward	Rear 48 Jenkins st.
1851.	June 1	B	Mrs. Mary A. Heath.....	20 Jefferson st.
1840.	June 7	B	Mrs. Susannah Hemenway.	108 Orms st.
1878.	Jan. 27	B	Cora L. Henderson	385 North Main st.
1858.	June 29	E	Charles C. Henrys.....	172 Potters ave.
1858.	Apr. 4	B	William R. Henrys.....	1 Nashua st.
1879.	Apr. 27	B	Annie F. Henrys	" "
1877.	Oct. 28	B	Mrs. Esther A. Hill.....	Rear 111 Doyle ave.
1858.	May 2	B	Mrs. Rebecca A. Hill, (wife of Baxter M.)	102 Olney st.
1872.	June 2	B	Edwin M. Hill, }	" "
1872.	June 2	B	Mrs. Annie F. Hill, }	" "
1852.	Apr. 4	B	Mrs. Cynthia A. Holmes, (wife of Willard R.)....	44 Camp st.
1835.	July 3	L	William A. Hopkins.....	Franklin, Mass.
1874.	May 31	B	Mrs. Ellen F. Hopkins, (wife of Jesse B.).....	" "
1874.	May 31	B	Mrs. Lydia M. Hopkins, (wife of John S.).....	38 Doyle ave
1856.	June 1	B	Mrs. Ann S. Houghton....	30 Jenkins st.
1873.	June 29	B	Mary S. Houghton.....	" "
1877.	Nov. 25	B	Sarah A. Howard.....	Stafford Springs, Conn.
1878.	Aug. 4	L	Mrs. Sarah J. Howard, (wife of John H).....	39 Bacon st.
1878.	Jan. 27	B	William Hughes, }	14 Earle's lane.
1877.	Nov. 18	B	Mrs. Ann Hughes, }	" "
1877.	Nov. 18	B	Harriet E. Hughes.....	" "

1869.	June 27	B	Mrs. Gertrude A. Johnson, (wife of Volney P.).....	86 Lockwood st.
1877.	Dec. 16	B	J. Volan Johnson.....	57 Douglas ave.
1865.	July 1	B	Mrs. Mary E. Johnson, (wife of Richard B.).....	122 Oxford st.
1878.	Nov. 3	B	Mrs. Mary E. Johnson, (wife of Ira C.).....	43 Bates st.
1876.	June 29	L	Volana A. Johnson.....	527 North Main st.
1878.	Jan. 6	B	Verona S. Johnson.....	57 Douglas ave.
1877.	Dec. 30	B	Annie E. Jolls.....	130 Camp st.
1878.	Feb. 24	B	Samuel Kennedy.....	6 Wilcox st.
1877.	Nov. 18	B	Mrs. Harriet E. Kennedy, (wife of William H.)...	" "
1858.	June 6	L	Gilbert A. Kenney.....	4 Howell st.
1876.	July 2	L	Ida B. Kenney.....	" "
1876.	July 2	B	Mary E. Kenney.....	" "
1876.	July 2	B	William E. Kenney.....	" "
1878.	Jan. 27	B	Mrs. Abby G. Kenyon, (wife of Charles M.).....	47 Bacon st.
1879.	Mar. 30	B	Mrs. Mary A. Kirkwood, (wife of John).....	Charles st., above Branch avenue.
1878.	Feb. 3	B	Ella M. Knapp.....	Smithfield ave.
1857.	Apr. 5	B	Mrs Mary A. Knowles (wife of Joseph B.).....	155 Benefit st.
1842.	Mar. 5	B	Mrs. Hannah Knowlton, (wife of Freeman).....	39 Olney st.
1877.	Dec. 16	B	George H. Knowlton, }	41 Howell st.
1857.	April 5	B	Mrs. Abby D. Knowlton, }	" "
1879.	May 25	B	Ada S. Knowlton.....	" "
1878.	Nov. 18	B	Ella E. Lawton.....	780 North Main st.
1878.	Dec. 29	B	Christian Liebrich, }	68 Knowles st.
1878.	Dec. 29	B	Mrs. Louisa Liebrich, }	" "
1878.	Dec. 29	B	Elizabeth Liebrich.....	" "
1879.	Apr. 27	B	August Liebrich.....	" "
1878.	Apr. 28	B	Isabella Longfellow.....	2 Bacon st.
1877.	Nov. 4	L	Mrs. Phebe T. Lord, (wife of Benjamin M.).....	22 Hawthorn st.
1877.	Oct. 28	B	Henrietta W. Lord.....	" "
1879.	Jan. 5	L	James H. Luther, }	3 Bolander st.
1879.	Jan. 5	L	Mrs. Lydia L. Luther, }	" "
1858.	June 6	B	Mrs. Ann F. Manton, (wife of Frank S.).....	151 Friendship st.
1853.	May 1	B	Susan Manton.....	636 North Main st.
1854.	Nov. 5	B	Emily Manton.....	" "
1873.	June 1	B	Mrs. Patience E. Manton, (wife of Daniel).....	Limerock, Lincoln.
1829.	Jan. 28	B	Philip W. Martin, }	1 Pleasant st.
1829.	Mar. 25	B	Mrs. Ruth S. Martin, }	" "
1842.	Mar. 5	B	Mrs. Eliza R. Mason.....	30 Earle's lane.
1877.	Dec. 16	B	Donald G. McLeod, }	19 Pleasant st.
1860.	July 1	B	Mrs. Lavina McLeod, }	" "
1877.	Nov. 18	B	Laura E. McLeod.....	" "
1877.	Dec. 16	B	Howard D. McLeod.....	" "

1842.	Mar. 5	B	Mrs. Sarah B. Metcalf, (wife of George).....	24 Bowen st.
	Apr. 4	B	Mrs. Abby Miller.....	Barrington.
1852.	Nov. 19	L	Mrs. Mary Montgomery....	870 Eddy st.
1850.	Oct. 2	E	Margaret Moore.....	Charles st. cor. Branch av.
1873.	May 7	B	Mrs. Anna Morris, (wife of John).....	North Main and North st.
1876.	Nov. 18	B	Annie D. Morris.....	" " "
1877.	Feb. 3	B	Clarence M. Munroe, } ...	47 Sutton st.
1878.	Feb. 3	B	Mrs. Mary E. Munroe, } ...	" "
1878.	Nov. 18	B	Lyman F. Munroe, } ...	2 Ivy st.
1877.	Oct. 28	B	Mrs. Camilla C. Munroe, } ...	" "
1877.	Dec. 30	B	Mary E. Munroe.....	Smithfield ave.
1878.	Feb. 22	E	Mrs. Isabella S. Newell, (wife of Charles H.)...	8 Branch av.
1849.	Nov. 19	B	Harden Nickerson, } ...	26 Jenkins st.
1841.	Dec. 5	B	Mrs. Louisa Nickerson, } ...	" "
1877.	Nov. 18	B	Ida F. Nickerson.....	38 Branch ave.
1841.	Dec. 5	L	Mrs. Mary Nixon.....	Rear 504 North Main st.
1858.	May 2	B	Mrs. Rachel H. O'Brien....	Moulton ave., Pawtucket.
1856.	Dec. 30	L	Mrs. Harriet S. Olmstead, (wife of William H. B.)	24 Benefit st.
1856.	June 1	L	Mrs. Amelia T. Packard...	10 Wilcox st.
1879.	Apr. 27	B	Monroe Packard, } ...	6 Wilcox st.
1879.	Apr. 27	B	Mrs. Mary A. Packard, } ...	" "
1873.	Jan. 31	L	Charles E. Paine.....	2 East ave.
1837.	Sept. 28	L	Mrs. Julia K. Parks.....	56 Olney st.
1857.	Apr. 5	B	John F. Parks.....	" "
1874.	Apr. 3	L	John M. Patterson.....	Canterbury, Nova Scotia.
1877.	June 24	B	Mary A. Patterson.....	" "
1869.	June 27	B	Annie S. Peck.....	865 North Main st.
1835.	July 3	L	Harriet Peck.....	" "
1875.	Sept. 2	L	Mrs. Nancy C. Peirce, (wife of Edwin J.).....	53 Olney st.
1877.	Nov. 18	B	Kate U. Peirce.....	" "
1870.	Sept. 1	L	Mrs. Hannah Perry, (wife of Edward B.).....	North st., near Camp st.
1837.	Oct. 1	B	Mrs. Hannah W. Perry....	Swan Point.
1857.	Apr. 5	B	Sarah E. Perry.....	" "
1837.	Oct. 1	B	Mrs. Mary Perry.....	Pawtucket.
1858.	Apr. 4	B	Abby M. Phillips.....	Hope Valley, Hopkinton.
1849.	Nov. 12	L	Mrs. Roxalana G. Phillips..	East av., near Pleasant st.
1873.	June 29	B	Mrs. Marion E. T. Pidge, (wife of Edwin, Jr.)...	16 Larch st.
1858.	May 2	B	Mrs. Mary E. Pidge. (wife of Edwin).....	14 Larch st.
1870.	Aug. 7	L	Mrs. Mary C. Plehn, (wife of Julius)	17 Pleasant st.
1863.	Feb. 24	L	Mrs. Hannah Pope	123 Bridgham st.
1858.	May 2	B	Mrs. Mary J. Ramsdell	710 North Main st.
1879.	Apr. 27	B	Martha B. Randall.....	Charles st.
1877.	May 27	B	Sarah W. Richardson.....	73 Stampers st.
1877.	Dec. 16	B	Benjamin W. Richardson..	" "

1879.	Apr. 27	B	Sylvester Ripley, }	.....	Chatham and Ashton sts.
1879.	Apr. 27	B	Mrs. Clara H. Ripley, }	.....	" "
1878.	Aug. 29	E	Daniel B. Robbins.....		5 North Court.
1878.	June 30	B	Louisa J. Roberts.....		1 Lincoln st.
1855.	Oct. 30	L	Mary D. Russell.....		752 North Main st.
1877.	Oct. 28	B	Sara H. Rutherford.....		19 Howell st.
1878.	Jan. 27	B	J. Croil Ryan, }	..	Knowles st., cor. Abbott
1878.	Jan. 27	B	Mrs. Elizabeth J. Ryan, }	..	lane.
1879.	May 2	L	Mrs. Emily W. Sabre, (wife of Gilbert E.).....		138 Olney st.
1823.	July 5	C	Luther Salisbury, }	..	28 Forest st.
1842.	Mar. 5	B	Mrs. Roxana Salisbury, }	..	" "
1858.	Apr. 4	B	Harriet A. Salisbury.....		" "
1842.	Mar. 5	B	William H. Salisbury.....		Chicago, Ill.
1878.	Apr. 28	B	Joseph Salt, }	.....	Woodbine st.
1878.	Apr. 28	B	Mrs. Mary A. Salt, }	.....	"
1877.	Dec. 28	E	Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer.....		46 Howell st.
1879.	Apr. 27	B	Mrs. Elvira E. Simmons, (wife of George).....		Charles st., n. Branch ave.
1858.	June 6	B	Nathan Smalley, }		780 North Main st.
1877.	Oct. 26	E	Mrs. Elizabeth B. Smalley, }		" "
1857.	Apr. 5	B	Mrs. Amanda T. Smith....		31 State st.
1864.	June 5	B	Charles E. Smith.....		130 Camp st.
1878.	Jan. 27	B	Mrs. Mary O. Smith, (wife of James H.).....		Ashton st.
1874.	May 31	B	Nellie J. Snell.....		11 Western st.
1874.	May 31	B	Clinton F. Stevens.....		14 Homestead ave.
1827.	Aug. 5	B	Mary Steward		710 North Main st.
1878.	Jan. 27	B	Mrs. Emma D. Stone, (wife of Albert F.).....		3 Walling st.
1877.	Nov. 18	B	Mrs. Mary E. Stone, (wife of Clovis).....		15 Bacon st.
1878.	Apr. 28	B	Jacob Sun, Jr., }	...	Metcalf st.
1878.	Mar. 31	B	Mrs. Caroline M. Sun, }	...	"
1871.	June 1	L	Mrs. Harriet M. Sweet, (wife of Smith S.).....		31 Common st.
1865.	Oct. 22	B	Mrs. Penelope W. Sweet, (wife of Jesse B.).....		48 Doyle ave.
1863.	Feb. 2	E	Mrs. Asenath Taft.....		66 Bacon st.
1854.	Sept. 3	B	Maria L. Taft.....		" "
1878.	Oct. 3	L	Martin N. Talty		32 Grand View st.
1878.	Jan. 27	B	Mrs. Annie Tattersall, (wife of John).....		14 Pleasant st.
1878.	Jan. 27	B	Mrs. Maria Tattersall, (wife of Major)		4 Randall st.
1860.	July 1	B	Mrs. Ann E. Taylor.....		30 Mulberry st.
1872.	June 2	B	Ida F. Taylor.....		" "
1878.	Jan. 27	B	Ella G. Taylor.....		5 Western st.
1878.	Jan. 27	B	Mrs. Mary Taylor.....		51 Camp st.
1878.	Oct. 25	L	Mrs. Ida Terry, (wife of Silas W.).....		21 Royal st.
1879.	June 19	L	Melissa D. Terry.....		" "
1877.	Dec. 30	B	Ella R. Thatcher		45 Bacon st.
1878.	May 2	L	Mrs. Emily A. Thompson..		Warehouse Point, Conn.

1878.	Jan. 6	B	Lillie C. Thompson.....	Warehouse Point, Conn.
1878.	Mar. 31	B	Nettie I. Thompson.....	"
1842.	June 5	B	Mrs. Deborah S. Thurber, (wife of Edmund).....	"
1855.	Sept. 2	B	Emma Thurber.....	752 North Main st.
1877.	May 27	B	Ida F. Thurston.....	710 North Main st.
1878.	Jan. 27	B	Mrs. Mary Tillinghast.....	83 Lippitt st.
1879.	Apr. 27	B	Elizabeth B. Tuells.....	15 Bolander st.
1836.	July 3	B	Mary E. Tuells.....	693 North Main st.
1875.	Apr. 1	L	Mrs. Mary T. Turner.....	"
1878.	Jan. 27	B	Jeannette O. Turner.....	12 Larch st.
1858.	Sept. 13	B	Mrs. Miranda Wakefield....	8 Mulberry st.
1857.	May 3	B	Mrs. Caroline E. Walcott, (wife of Henry L.).....	176 Potter's ave.
1879.	Mar. 30	B	Mrs. Elizabeth Walcott, (wife of Israel J.).....	North st.
1861.	Jan. 1	L	Mrs. Mary Walling.....	18 Camp st.
1877.	Nov. 18	B	Leander M. Walling, } ..	"
1877.	Nov. 18	B	Mrs. Elizabeth Walling, } ..	"
1877.	Dec. 16	B	Nelson Walling.....	107 Doyle ave.
1873.	Feb. 2	L	John A. Ward, } ..	56 Camp st.
1870.	Sept. 20	L	Mrs. Ida L. Ward, } ..	"
1879.	Apr. 27	B	Abraham W. Waterman, }	687 North Main st.
1879.	Apr. 27	B	Mrs. Emma L. Waterman, }	"
1866.	July 31	L	William J. Waterman, }	20 Common st.
1842.	May 1	B	Mrs. Cynthia B. Water- man, } ..	"
1841.	July 4	B	Mrs. Eunice K. Weather- head.....	Cumberland.
1865.	July 1	B	Mrs. Sarah C. Webb, (wife of William S.).....	5 Palm st.
1877.	Dec. 30	B	Jennie E. Webster.....	32 Bacon st.
1827.	Nov. 4	B	Ann Francis Weeden.....	30 Halsey st.
1873.	June 29	B	George E. Weeden. }	30 Halsey st.
1878.	Nov. 29	L	Mrs. Caroline A. Weeden, }	"
1835.	Aug. 2	B	Stephen R. Weeden.....	Branch av, n. Woodward r.
1873.	June 29	B	Caroline B. Weeden.....	"
1873.	June 29	B	Maria H. Weeden.....	"
1871.	May 28	B	Allin H. Weeden.....	"
1874.	May 31	B	Mrs. Abby L. Westcott....	72 Meeting st.
1873.	June 29	B	Ella F. Westcott.....	70 Stampers st.
1867.	Apr. 27	L	S. Horace Wheeler, }	96 Doyle ave.
1863.	Feb. 2	L	Mrs. Adeline M. Wheeler, }	"
1874.	May 31	B	M. Elizabeth Wheeler.....	"
1877.	Dec. 16	B	Charles H. Wheeler.....	"
1842.	Mar. 5	B	Mrs. Asenath Whelden, (wife of Joseph).....	24 Branch ave.
1841.	Dec. 5	B	Mrs. Lavina Whelden, (wife of Samuel).....	East Providence.
1874.	May 31	B	Mrs. Lucinda H. Whelden, (wife of Joseph N.)....	Smithfield ave., n. Branch ave.
1842.	May 1	B	Mrs. Mary E. Whelden....	30 Earle's lane.
1866.	June 3	B	Cornelia M. Whelden.....	"
1878.	Mar. 31	B	Mrs. Elizabeth E. Whitman, (wife of James M.)....	35 Bacon st.

1877.	Dec. 30	B	George O. Whitman, { ..	32 Bacon st
1877.	Dec. 30	B	Mrs. Harriet Whitman, } ..	" "
1877.	Nov. 18	B	Mrs. Emeline A. Whitmarsh	10 Camp st.
1865.	Oct. 17	L	Mrs. Mary A. Whittemore, (wife of Horace H.)....	24 Bath st.
1873.	Jan. 31	L	Charles F. Wilcox, { ...	513 North Main st.
1858.	June 6	B	Mrs. Lucy W. Wilcox, } ...	" "
1834.	Mar. 2	B	Mrs. Abigail M. Williams..	17 Abbott's lane.
1849.	Dec. 2	L	Mrs. Lydia B. Wilmarth, (wife of William L.)...	60 Bacon st.
1858.	Sept. 2	L	Samuel E. Woodward.....	44 Wayne st.
1853.	Apr. 18	L	Mrs. Elizabeth Young.....	Attleboro, Mass.

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Secretary,	.	.	.	SAMUEL KENNEDY.
Treasurer,	.	.	.	WILLIAM J. WATERMAN.

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Total membership, 100.

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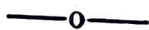
Teachers :

WILLIAM R. HENRYS,
 JOHN D. DAVIS,

EDGAR H. BICKFORD,
 MARY E. MUNROE,

Total membership, 30.

HISTORICAL SKETCH.



THE great revival of 1820 that quickened religious interest throughout the town of Providence left a memorial in the Fourth Baptist Church. During the previous year meetings had been held in a hall on the west side of Charles street, near Stevens street, and almost immediately such an interest was awakened that a more convenient place was required. A hall, connected with the house of Mr. Samuel Metcalf on the east side of North Main street, near Star street, was secured, and steps were at once taken to purchase a lot and erect a house "for the worship of Almighty God."

The Fourth Baptist Society was organized and chartered in 1820, and our present lot, then a rough, broken pasture, with a clump of trees where the house now stands, was purchased. The building was completed in 1822. It was "a wooden structure, 47x67 feet on the ground, and containing sixty-eight pews, with a projection 13x30 feet supporting the steeple, which was ninety feet in height, and furnished with a good bell; a well-proportioned building, both inside and out, being an ornament to that part of Providence, and doing honor to the persons who planned and carried the project into execution." The dedication sermon was preached by Dr. Gano, of the First Baptist Church.

The church was organized July 5, 1822, by thirty-two members from the "First General Baptist Church" in Knightsville, Cranston, and held Arminian and open communion sentiments. Rev. Abner Jones, a minister of the Christian or Unitarian Baptist body, was first invited to the

pastorate but declined, and Rev. Zalmon Tobey, a Free Will Baptist minister, became the first pastor. A large, new element, in sympathy with the regular Baptist churches, was introduced into the church by accessions, during his ten years' pastorate, of fifty-four by baptism and twenty-three by letter.

The Sunday-school was first organized, as nearly as can be ascertained, in April, 1823, by a society formed for that purpose, with a membership of nine officers and teachers and ninety scholars. Until 1827 it was held only from April to October.

Rev. Peter Simonson became the second pastor in 1834. His pastorate of only two years was marked by a change in the denominational attitude of the church, causing the only serious division of sentiment that has occurred among its members. This was the adoption, in June, 1835, of the present restricted form of the invitation to the Lord's Supper, which was followed by the withdrawal of sixteen of its members, but the large additions by letter from other churches and a revival, which brought in twenty-nine by baptism, left the church, at the close of Mr. Simonson's pastorate, stronger than ever. In a few years some of those who had withdrawn returned, and many others, since then, have been received from Free Will churches. During the pastorate of Rev. Thomas B. Ripley, 1837-40, twenty-four were received by baptism and twenty-two by letter.

In 1841-2, at the commencement of the pastorate of Rev. Francis Smith, occurred the first marked season of revival, which added ninety to the church, nearly doubling its number. This pastorate continued until 1853. In an historical address delivered by the pastor in 1850, it appears that at that time 358 persons had been received into the church since its organization, of whom 171 then constituted its membership.

The revival above mentioned also greatly increased the Sunday-school, which, at that time, was much larger than ever before or since, until 1877, except for a few months in the winter and spring of 1858, the attendance having advanced at one session to 278. The primary department of the school was organized into classes in 1836-7 and placed in the care of a lady superintendent, in which form it has since remained. Its sessions were held in the gallery until 1848, when a chapel was erected for its use at the north of the meeting-house. This building was removed in 1861, when, by the raising of the house a more favorable location for this department was provided in the vestry. In 1853 the Sunday-school Society disbanded, transferring its work to the Church.

During Rev. Mr. Smith's pastorate important improvements were made in the accommodations of the church. In 1846 an organ was purchased and placed in the gallery, where it stood for twenty-eight years, and in 1850 an addition of seventeen feet was made to the length of the house.

The pastorate of Abraham H. Granger, D. D., extending over twenty-three years from May, 1854, was characterized by a sound and faithful preaching of the Word of Life, which resulted in the advancement of the church in Christian doctrine, in numbers and in influence. Of several revival seasons, during this period, that of 1858 was the most important and increased our membership to 229, at about which number it remained for twenty years.

The improvements from time to time made in the meeting-house indicate something of the prosperity of the church. In 1855 a clock, presented to the society by one of its prominent members, was placed in the steeple. In 1861 the house was raised, enlarging the vestry. Notwithstanding the establishment, within thirty years, of five other churches, of various denominations, in the field formerly occupied by

this church alone, the increase of population justified further enlargement of the house in 1874-5. The upper part was entirely remodelled without and within. Its width was increased by eighteen feet, a projection 14x42 feet was built at the east end, and the steeple was enlarged and carried to the height of 135 feet. The gallery at the west of the audience room and the organ were removed, and a new and larger organ placed in the east projection. The pews were rebuilt in circular form and increased to 136 in number, with a seating capacity of 700, and a baptistery put in. The audience room was newly furnished throughout, including the pulpit.

The last memorable occasion for a special gathering in the old audience room was, very appropriately, the semi-centennial anniversary of the organization of the church, which was celebrated on the 9th of July, 1873. The exercises consisted of an historical discourse, a sketch of the Sunday-school, addresses and a collation. But one of the original members of the church, Dea. Luther Salisbury, remained to be present on that occasion.

The way having been prepared for an enlarged work of grace, by the faithful preaching and teaching of the Gospel from the pulpit and in the conference meetings and Sunday-school, for many years; and the house having been made ready for the accommodation of larger audiences, the Lord bestowed his blessing upon the work. For during the first year of the present pastorate, a year ever memorable for the great revival throughout the State, in connection with the work of Mr. Moody and his helpers, this church welcomed into its membership 111, ninety-one of them by baptism. Eight hundred and seven persons have been connected with the church since its organization, 499 of whom were received by baptism. The number of members at this time, June 23, 1879, is 351.

One of the fruits of this revival was the commencement on

January 13, 1878, by the joint action of the First, Fourth and Roger William churches, of the Branch Avenue Mission Sunday-school, which is now conducted by our church alone. It has increased to 100 members, and a chapel is now being erected for its use on Flora and Ashton streets. A second mission school was organized by this church May 11, 1879, on Smithfield avenue, with twenty-three members, which now numbers thirty.

For several years an adult Bible class was conducted by Dr. Granger, in connection with the Sunday-school. Under the name of "The Granger Bible Class," and the lead of Mr. A. F. Pease, it is now thoroughly organized and proposes to hold quarterly social meetings for mutual acquaintance and improvement. Another adult class, calling itself "The Berean Bible Class," is fulfilling its share of this important work, under the instruction of Mrs. Smalley.

The present form of our church covenant was adopted Dec. 27, 1878, superseding a covenant adopted April 9, 1827. Although the church has, for many years, been agreed in supporting the doctrine of the regular Baptist denomination, it was not until Jan. 24, 1879, that the New Hampshire Confession of Faith was adopted.

During the fifty-six years since its organization the church has had but six pastors, and never, but in one instance, has a whole year elapsed between the close of one pastorate and the commencement of another. The history of the church, with the exception previously mentioned, has been remarkable for unanimity of purpose and harmony of action among its members, and in its relations with the society.

PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE CHURCH.

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	Date of vote.
Covenant, Standing Regulations and List of Members,	1843.
Covenant, Standing Regulations and List of Members,	July 19, 1848.
Covenant, Standing Regulations and List of Members,	Dec. 18. 1855.
Names of Members,	Dec. 12, 1858.
Covenant, Standing Regulations and List of Members,	Sept. 16, 1873.
Minutes of the Centennial Exercises, July 9, 1873,	1874.
Manual of the Church,	Oct. 18, 1878.

PASTORS.	Elected.	Resigned.	Died.
Zalmon Tobey.....	Sept. 2, 1823.	Feb. 27, 1833.....	Sept. 17, 1858.
Peter Simonson.....	April 2, 1834.	Oct. 27, 1836.....	Jan. 10, 1839.
Thomas B. Ripley.....	May 31, 1837.	Aug. or Sept., 1840.	May 4, 1876.
Francis Smith.....	Mar. 25, 1841.	Nov. 6, 1853.....	Jan. 29, 1872.
A. H. Granger, D. D....	April 11, 1854.	June 30, 1877.....	
William W. Everts, Jr..	Sept. 25, 1877.	.....
<i>Members licensed by the Church to preach.</i>			
Martin Cheeney.....	Feb. 5, 1824.	.....
Melvin Wilbour.....	Mar. 2, 1831.	License revoked Aug. 8, 1832....	
J. L. G. Haskins.....	Aug. 3, 1831.	.....
Levi F. Barney.....	Mar. 28, 1838.	.....
Ebenezer Dodge, Jr....	June 16, 1840.	.....
Joseph C. Hartshorn...	Mar. 31, 1841.	.....
Joseph R. Manton.....	Sept. 23, 1846.	.....
Job S. Hunt.....	Sept. 20, 1859.	.....
Allin H. Weeden.....	Mar. 16, 1877.	.....
Charles H. Wheeler....	May 2, 1879.	.....
<i>Deacons.</i>			
Pardon Hawkins.....	Aug. 6, 1843.	.....	Mar. 26, 1826.
*Nicholas S. Dawley....	June 30, 1824.	.....
*Esek Esten.....	Mar. 29, 1826.	.....
*William West, Jr.	Sept. 30, 1827.	.....
Esek Esten.....	Dec. 2, 1829.	July 1, 1835.....	
Philip W. Martin.....	Dec. 2, 1829.	Oct. 9, 1853.....	
Ethan Whipple.....	July 29, 1835.	Dec. 27, 1843.....	
Luther Salisbury.....	Dec. 27, 1843.	.....
Lucius A. Willard.....	Sept. 13, 1848.	April 25, 1853.....	
Cyril Babcock.....	Oct. 14, 1850.	April 17, 1855.....	
Elijah Bent.....	June 9, 1855.	.....
Philip W. Martin.....	Dec. 12, 1858.	.....
John P. Barney.....	Feb. 8, 1859.	.....
Jared W. Scovel.....	Feb. 8, 1859.	.....	May 10, 1861.
Charles F. Wilcox.....	Oct. 18, 1878.	.....
George H. Bailey.....	Oct. 18, 1878.	.....
<i>Clerks.</i>			
Esek Esten.....	Aug. 6, 1823.	Jan. 30, 1828.....	
William West, Jr.	Jan. 30, 1828.	Sept. 30, 1829.....	
Philip W. Martin.....	Sept. 30, 1829.	Oct. 4, 1837.....	
George P. Daniels.....	Oct. 4, 1837.	Mar. 31, 1841.....	
George P. Daniels.....	Dec. 29, 1841.	.....	Mar. 20, 1848.
George B. Peck.....	Mar. 30, 1848.	Sept. 15, 1868.....	
George B. Peck, Jr.,...	Sept. 15, 1868.	Sept. 30, 1870.....	
Charles E. Westcott...	Sept. 30, 1870.	Sept. 12, 1876.....	
Julius Boyden.....	Dec. 15, 1876.	.....

*Temporarily,

<i>Treasurers.</i>	<i>Elected.</i>	<i>Resigned.</i>
Esek Esten.....	Sept. 3, 1824.....	
<i>From this date until 1840 the Clerks acted as Treasurers.</i>		
Stephen R. Weeden.....	Sept. 30, 1840.....	Sept. 1, 1841.
Philip W. Martin.....	Sept. 1, 1841.....	Aug. 18, 1847.
Lucius A. Willard.....	Aug. 18, 1847.....	Sept. 5, 1853.
Cyril Babcock.....	Sept. 5, 1853.....	April 17, 1855.
Elijah Bent.....	April 17, 1855.....	Sept. 16, 1873.
Charles F. Wilcox.....	Sept. 16, 1873.....	

SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND ASSISTANTS WHO HAVE CONDUCTED THE SCHOOL WHEN THERE WAS NO SUPERINTENDENT.

	<i>Elected..</i>	<i>Resigned.</i>
Moses Curtis.....	— 1823.....	
Edward Seagrave.....	— 1824.....	
Gilbert Richmond.....	— 1825.....	
Rev. Zalmon Tobey.....	— 1826.....	— 1827.
Williams Thayer.....	April 9, 1828.	
Philip W. Martin, (Asst.).....	May 16, 1829.....	
Reuben Mowry.....	— 1833.....	Sept. 22, 1834.
Joshua Macomber.....	May 19, 1835.....	
Charles E. Toothaker.....	May 6, 1836.....	
William L. Brown.....	June 3, 1837.....	
Stephen R. Weeden.....	Sept. 14, 1837.....	
Henry Day.....	— 1843.....	Mar. 26, 1844.
Stephen R. Weeden.....	March 26, 1844....	
Samuel Haskell.....		July 15, 1845.
George B. Peck.....	July 15, 1845.....	Jan. 16, 1846.
Stephen R. Weeden.....	Jan 16, 1846.....	Feb. 26, 1851.
Alvah W. Godding.....	Feb. 26, 1851.....	Jan. 25, 1852.
Lucius A. Willard.....	Jan. 25, 1852.....	Oct. 25, 1852.
Stephen R. Weeden.....	Oct. 25, 1852.....	May 2, 1866.
John M. Manning.....	May 27, 1856.....	Sept. 4, 1857.
Oliver P. Fuller.....	Sept. 4, 1857.....	June 29, 1858.
Jared W. Scovel.....		April 5, 1859,
Addison Parker, Jr.....	April 5, 1859.....	Nov. 8, 1861.
Stephen R. Weeden.....	Nov. 8, 1861.....	June 25, 1869.
Elijah Bent, (Asst.).....		
Thomas G. Field.....	Sept. 14, 1869.....	
Daniel W. Hoyt.....	Sept. 1, 1870.....	
John D. Smith.....	Sept. 1, 1871.....	Jan. 25, 1872.
Allen J. Brown, (Asst.).....	Sept. 1, 1871.....	Sept. 15, 1874.
Nathan Leavenworth.....	Dec. 19, 1872.....	June—1874.
William T. Peck.....	Oct. 1, 1874.....	Oct. 17, 1875.
Charles F. Wilcox.....	Oct. 17, 1875.....	

NOTE.—Some errors in the list of Superintendents which appears in the published report of the Semi-Centennial of the Church, caused by the loss at that time of the Sunday-school Society's records (since found), are here corrected.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

	Elected.	Resigned.
*Ruth S. Mason.....	— 1836 or '7.	— 1846 or '7.
Mrs. Ann S. Peck.....	.....	May 6, 1859.
Mrs. Mary A. Willard.....	May — 1850.	
Mrs. Ann S. Tripp.....	.....
Mrs. Ann S. Peck.....	Dec. 7, 1852.....	Mar. 9, 1869.
Susan Manton.....	Mar. 9, 1869.....	

*Mrs. Deacon Martin.

OFFICERS OF THE FOURTH BAPTIST SOCIETY.

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<i>President,</i>	ALEXANDER BURGESS.
<i>Vice President,</i>	DEA. JOHN P. BARNEY.
<i>Secretary,</i>	DEA. CHARLES F. WILCOX.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	.	.	WILLIAM D. AVERY.
<i>Director of Music,</i>	.	.	.	.	NATHAN SMALLEY:
<i>Auditors,</i>	.	.	.	.	{ DEA. ELIJAH BENT,
					{ EDWIN A. BURGESS.

Executive Committee :

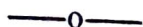
ALEXANDER BURGESS,	} <i>Ex-officio.</i>	DEA. ELIJAH BENT,
DEA. JOHN P. BARNEY,		ALFRED POTTER.
NATHAN SMALLEY,		

The Society is composed of owners of pews. Its annual meeting is held on the last Monday in March.

The Executive Committee has charge of the meeting-house and keeping it in order, and it can not be used for any other purpose than worship and the business meetings of the Church or Society without their consent.

Pew rents are payable quarterly, in advance, and pews or sittings are rented by the Treasurer, to whom applications should be made. Residence, 758 North Main street.

SOCIETIES FOR BENEVOLENT WORK.



THE FEMALE CHARITABLE SOCIETY

has for its object the supplying the needs of the poor in this section of the city. Each member pays fifty-two cents a year into the funds of the Society.

President, *MRS. ELIZA AVERY.*

Organized, 1823.



THE LADIES' SEWING CIRCLE

is an organization of ladies in the church and congregation for social acquaintance and benevolent work, especially for clothing poor children who attend the Sunday school. It meets on alternate Wednesday afternoons, except in the summer season.

President, *MRS. AMANDA T. SMITH.*

Organized, 1835.



THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

is auxiliary to the Woman's Baptist Missionary Society, Boston, to which it sends its funds.

President, *MRS. MARY C. BENT.*

Organized, 1872.



THE SOCIAL UNION

is a society, principally of young people in the Sunday school and congregation, for social, intellectual and moral improvement.

President, *SYLVANUS BURGESS.*

Organized, 1868.

THE EARNEST WORKERS

is a society of young ladies in the Sunday school for mutual improvement and benevolent work.

President, SARAH C. STEVENS.

Organized, 1876.

THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
to which our ladies contribute, is composed of members of the several Baptist churches in this city, and is auxiliary to the Woman's Society in Chicago.

Organized, 1877.